

JCCS Frequently Asked Questions

If I am a participant, will I be picking up garbage for my community service?

It is possible, but it is not the only option. When placed with the Department of Public Works, you will help with whatever the project of that day may be, such as fixing road signs or re-sanding benches from the Municipal Court House.

How can my organization get involved?

Interested organizations can email JCCS at jccommunitysolutions@jcnj.org or call 201-209-6734

Are there opportunities for internships?

JCCS actively works with local universities to host interns. To date, interns from St. Peter's University and New Jersey City University have been placed with JCCS. Interested students should contact their school or the JCCS office at 201-209-6734 to explore opportunities.

How do I find out if I am eligible for Jersey City Community Solutions?

Potential participants will be made aware of their eligibility during their first court appearance and given the opportunity to opt-in to the Community Solutions program. Only charges pending in the Jersey City Municipal Court will be eligible.

Some of the reasons an individual is not eligible for JCCS enrollment include if:

- the charge is a domestic violence-related offense, or simple assault, or moving violations exclusively; or
- under Probation or Parole supervision; or
- previously convicted of, or pending a charge for a violent offense (ie. murder, robbery, sexual assault); or
- the person is a violent offender; or
- the person has an outstanding warrant from an authority in which the court has no jurisdiction.

Where do participants complete community service?

Please refer to the list of partners; however, please note community service completed by participants must be in the city of Jersey City.

What are your hours of operation?

We are available 8:30am until 4:30pm. JCCS cases are heard in Jersey City's Municipal Court- Part 3 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in the morning 9:00am session only. You are welcome to contact us anytime we are open.

What's the difference between traditional court and community court?

Traditional Court

Problem-Solving (Community) Court

Based on retribution –people have to pay for their crimes	Emphasis on solving the underlying problems that cause the crime
Crime is seen as a harmful act against the state	Crime seen as harm to the community
Utilizes jail and fines most often	Uses social service and community service mandates
Hears all types of offenses	Only certain offenders eligible- typically non-violent offenses
Parties dispute responsibility or findings of evidence (win-lose outcome)	Non-adversarial (win-win outcome)
No real rehabilitation offered to offenders	Experts from helping professions involved (Drug counselors, mental health experts, etc)

- **Where are the other community courts?**

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Below are the locations of the other courts that won the 2016 grant

- 1 Cleveland
- 2 Olympia
- 3 Philadelphia
- 4 Eugene
- 5 Jersey City
- 6 Las Vegas
- 7 Dallas County
- 8 Cook County
- 9 Honolulu County
- 10 Spokane

